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ALSO

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Pon the 11. day of this moneth  
U Prince Robert began to declare  
his Resolution to the Kings  
most excellent Majesty, and the  
rest of the Nobles that are now attend-  
ing upon his royll Person, which was  
to this effect: That he had information  
by Letters from Holland, that his ro-

all much discontented and troubled in  
mind for his residence here in England,  
and was very desirous that hee should  
take his leave of his royll Uncle , the  
King of England , and to come to the  
Hague in Holland , whereby she might  
impart her minde unto him : he being  
willing to fulfil his Mothers desires , and  
sorry for his first coming over , declared  
his resolution to His Majesty , that hee  
was now resolved to leue England , desi-  
ring His Majesty not to be displeased  
thereat ; and that according to the ut-  
most of his power , he would endeavour  
to send over such able Commanders as  
should finish what he had begun .

His Excellency the Earle of Essex  
having left a strong garison at Worcester  
and all other places which he thought  
might prove prejudicall to his Army , if  
that the malignant Party should take  
them into their possession , and having  
secyred these places , hee advancad with  
his whole Army towards Shrewsbury ,  
where

where the King's Majestie hath set down his resolution to meet with his Excellency and his whole Army: but the weather being somewhat vehement, insomuch as his Excellency could not march with his whole army fast enough towards Shrewsbury; therefore hee sent Colonell Hollis, Colonell Hampden, and divers other Officers with three thousand Horse and Foot before, by reason of the information which he had newly received, that some of the Parlia- ments Forces that lay neare unto the said towne of Shrewsbury were in great distress; because the Kings Army were almost gathered to a head, and lay within five miles of the said towne, and therefore expected they should suddenly have a battell with them, and not being able to encounter with them, because the Ca- valiers did far exceed them in number, therefore forthwith they dispatched Letters to the Lord Generall, desiring speedy aid from his Excellency, and according  
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to their desires, he sent the aforesnamed Forces, which no sooner arrived there, but immediately they had a battell with the Cavaliers, being in number about seven thousand Horse and Foot, which were under the command of the Earle of Lindsey, and the Earle of Westmerland, and our Forces were not above four thousand at the most: having joyned themselves in battell with the enemy, continuing for the space of three houres, the enemy retreated with the losse of fifty men, and twenty three on our side.

From Bridgnorth there is information by divers letters that the Lord Willeoughby of Parham hath joyned his Forces with his Excellency the Earle of Essex, and are in their march towards Shrewsbury, and by the way they found great opposition at Bridgnorth (which is a towne about twelve miles distant from Shrewsbury) by Prince Robert and divers others of the malignant Party; whereupon

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wherupon there soone increased many  
dangers, and the inveterate malice of the  
Cavaliers there burst out; and began to  
give out many scoffing speeches against  
our souldiers, but they not brooking of  
such scandalous words, desired leave of  
their Officers to discharge against them;  
but at the first they seemed somewhat un-  
willing, and would not condescend  
therunto, untill they understood the  
pleasure of the Lord Generall; but after  
some consultation thereof, they fell to it  
pell mell, and in the space of five hours  
seventy of the Cavaliers were slaine, and  
divers taken prisoners, with very little  
losse on our party: wherupon the ene-  
my sounded a parley, and at the said par-  
ley it was concluded on, that a set day  
should be appointed for the meeting of  
both Armies.

There are 340. souldiers come out of  
Herefordshire to his Excellency for the  
service of the King and Parliament, and  
that the city of Hereford had sent to his  
Excellency,

Excellency, signifying their good affection to the Parliament, and their desire to have that city secured against the Cavaliers, which they much feared would come, there being a malignant party in the city; those that were well affected durst not shew their forwardnesse so much as they would, whereupon his Excellency sent one thousand foot, and foure troupes of horse to disarme the malignants, and to settle that City in a good posture of defence, and likewise ordered that a sufficient garrison should be left there for the safety and peace of those parts.

Sir William Balfoure is gone to joyned his Forces with the L. Generall, and the Scots Commanders that proffered their service to the Parliament, are gone to his Excellency and entred into their places.

**R I N I S**

